

Theodore W. Seitz

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Areas Of Practice

Litigation
Class Action Defense
Financial Services Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
National/Regional Coordinating,
Trial and/or Discovery Counsel

Industries

Financial Industry Group
Financial Services Litigation
Consumer Financial Services
Financial Services Regulatory &
Compliance

Bar Admissions

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District
of Michigan
U.S. District Court, Western
District of Michigan
U.S. District Court, Northern
District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Central District
of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Illinois
U.S. District Court, Northern
District of Indiana
U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Indiana
U.S. District Court, Northern
District of Ohio

Ted Seitz is a Lansing based member of Dykema's Litigation Department. He represents clients in Michigan and throughout the United States in complex and high-stakes litigation, primarily in the areas of class actions and commercial litigation. Mr. Seitz also has experience representing public and mid-market corporations in various commercial disputes, including contract, UCC, trade secret, along with tax and licensing matters in state and federal courts. Mr. Seitz's experience extends to litigating complex securities class action cases, high-exposure wrongful death/personal injury actions, white-collar criminal defense matters, and actions regarding large nonprofit foundations. Mr. Seitz also represents and provides counsel to elected public officials, along with compliance counsel to financial services companies. He has authored several chapters of the *Consumer Financial Services Answer Book*, one of the best-selling treatises in the field.

In addition to litigating numerous matters in Court, Mr. Seitz's experience includes representing clients in court-annexed and private arbitrations and in other alternative dispute resolution processes. He has achieved many successful outcomes, including trials and arbitrations for national and international corporations in state, federal and appellate courts. This includes extensive experience in mediating, negotiating, defending, and enforcing nationwide class action settlements — employing creative solutions to resolve complex matters. While always aggressively pursuing clients' legal rights, Mr. Seitz works closely with each client to understand their strategic objectives, along with being alert to clients' interests in diminishing the expense and distraction that litigation may impose, and he works with clients to maximize their litigation posture and to explore alternative solutions to legal problems.

Experience

- Representation of international publicly traded debt buyer in federal and state actions, including class action matters throughout the country, both at the trial and appellate courts.
- Representation of large wholesalers and retailers in class action matters.
- Defense of putative class actions against collection agencies and debt purchasers alleging violations of Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and Telephone Consumers Protection Act (TCPA).
- Representation of a large energy corporation in federal court matters relating to a power plant explosion.

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Education

Washington University, J.D.

Michigan State University, B.S. (Biology, Lyman Briggs College)

Michigan State University, B.A. (Political Theory, James Madison College)

- Representation of a utility in two trials and related appeal of land dispute issues.
- Representation of county treasurers in a wide variety of matters in state and federal court.
- Representation of governmental bodies, including counties and townships in class action and tax matters.
- Representation of insurance companies in state and federal court class action matters in a wide-variety of jurisdictions.
- Representation of clients in federal and state court in white-collar and investigative matters.
- Representation of corporations and local governments in bankruptcy matters.
- Representation of clients in a wide-variety of state and federal court commercial litigation matters.
- Representation of several prisoners, who were sentenced to life, without parole, including successfully obtaining the parole and release of an individual after serving 40 years in prison.

Seminars & Speeches

The Future of Consumer Class Actions: The Swing of the Pendulum in Courts, Congress, Executive Agencies and the States, Panelist, University of Michigan Law School
December 3, 2018

Publications

Author, "Fair Credit Billing Act" and, "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act," Chapters in the *Consumer Financial Services Answer Book 2011-2017* Editions, Practising Law Institute

"Is Wall Street Responsible for Destroying Main Street?"
Spring 2009
Business Torts Journal

"Alternative Dispute Resolution: Recognizing and Understanding Consent Issues in Arbitration" (Co-author)
May 2000
79 Michigan Bar Journal 504

News

Theodore Seitz Appointed to the Ingham County Jury Board
June 16, 2015

Dykema Posts Series of Impressive Appellate Wins Over Past Few Months
September 16, 2013

Memberships & Involvement

- Chairperson, Ingham County Jury Board

Theodore W. Seitz (Cont.)

- Michigan State University School of Law, American Inns of Court (Master of the Bench)
- Ingham County Bar Association
- Washtenaw County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan, Litigation, Real Property, and Business Law Sections

Awards & Recognition

- Named as Michigan Leading Lawyer in areas of Commercial Litigation and Creditors Rights by the Leading Lawyers Network, Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2018
- Recognized as a Rising Star in Michigan Super Lawyers®, 2008
- Named Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyer by The National Trial Lawyers (2012)
- Michigan State University Outstanding Senior Award